



Rhino Roar

News for the Washington community

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Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12!

Open House Mark your calendars for Open House on May 18 from 6 - 8 pm. Visit your child/children's classroom(s) to see all the work they have been producing this year. PTA will start us off at 6 pm in the courtyard (weather permitting) with a brief meeting.

Meet Principal Joshua Heideman Open House on May 18 from 6 - 8 pm will also be an opportunity to meet your new Principal. Weather permitting, he will be in the courtyard to meet you and talk about next year.

Parents, Please be Safe (and Patient) at Dropoff and Pickup! Observe all traffic rules, come to a complete stop at stop signs, and please don't use McKinley south of the barriers for car drop off or pick up, as the signs indicate.

Washington modernization community meeting May 16 from 6 to 7:30 pm on [zoom](#). Washington is scheduled for a remodel to improve campus security and access while also addressing operational deficiencies, aging infrastructure and play features. Construction is targeted for the 2024-25 school year. Come and learn more about the process so you can provide input for your child's school!

Bike to School Day May 18 Jump on the Bike Train! Washington parents are organizing a morning bike train to promote safe and healthy transportation options for getting to school. We have two meet-up options: one is at Ward and Park (from NE corner of San Pablo Park, riding up Ward to California; led by Scott Friese) and another is at California and Hearst (from the Ohlone Park, riding south on California; led by Ben Gerhardstein). Both groups will depart at 7:40am and converge at California and Channing at 7:50am. After a quick water break, we'll head up Channing at 7:55am and make our way to campus. Riders can join at either of the meet-up points or jump on the train en route!

5th grade promotion is June 2 in the cafeteria. Each class will have its own ceremony, so there is plenty of seating. Following each promotion, there will be cake and punch in the courtyard and plenty of opportunities to take pictures!

5th grade promotion schedule: room 208 Ms. Jokela/Kelly 8:20-9:05 am
room 210 Ms. Hedgecock 9:20-10:05 am

room 204 Ms. Dhesi 10:20-11:05 am

COVID tests: Positive results should be reported to the [BUSD Student COVID-19 Case Reporting form](#)

Calendar Reminders:

- ★ May 8 School Site Committee Meeting at 6 pm on [zoom](#)
- ★ May 15 NO SCHOOL Malcolm X Birthday
- ★ May 16 Modernization meeting 6 to 7:30 pm on [zoom](#)
- ★ May 18 Bike to School Day
- ★ May 18 Open House 6 - 8 pm
- ★ May 29 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- ★ June 2 Promotion for 5th grade in the cafeteria
- ★ June 2 Last Day of School!

If your child is absent for any reason, please email washingtonattendance@berkeley.net and copy your child's teacher. Thank you!

If you need to change your address, [please use this link for information](#) on how to notify the school and district.